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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT - DEPARTURE REMARKS

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FOLLOWING ARE TRANSCRIBED REMARKS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MEMBERS OF PRESS UPON HIS DEPARURE FROM MOSCOW JANUARY 23. NOT FOR PRESS RELAEASE.

BEGIN TRANCRIBED REMARKS

Q. SPECIFICALLY CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF WHAT "GOOD PROGRESS," AS IT WAS DESCRIBED EARLIER, WAS MADE?

A. I CAN'T GO INTO THE DETAILS, BUT WE SETTLED SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH WILL BE PASSED ON TO GENEVA. WE MADE GOOD PROGRESS ON OTHER ISSUES. THE SOVIET SIDE INTRODUCED SOME SIGNIFICANT NEW IDEAS LAST NIGHT WHICH WE NOW HAVE TO STUDY IN WASHINGTON, AND WE WILL COME BACK WITH OUR ANSWER IN A FEW WEEKS -- TWO OR THREE WEEKS, AND WE, ON THAT BASIS EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT A FULL AGREEMENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AT THE END OF THAT TIME?

A. WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GIVE A TIME PERIOD, BUT I BELIEVE THAT

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CONDITIONS EXIST TO MOVE TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT TO COME BACK HERE FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS, MR. KISSINGER?

A. THAT'S NOT EXCLUDED BUT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED YET. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT WE PROPOSE AND WHAT THE SOVIET REPLY WILL BE WHETHER IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE PERSONALLY.

Q. DO YOU THINK THE GENERAL SECRETARY WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON THIS YEAR?

A. IF THERE IS AN AGREEMENT HE WILL GO, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

(UNINTELLIGIBLE QUESTION POSED CONCERNING TREATMENT OF LOCAL PRESS DURING TRIP.)

A. IT'S A GENERAL PROBLEM WE HAVE. NEXT TIME WE COME HERE WE'LL TRY TO WORK SOMETHING OUT. MY APOLOGIES IF THERE WERE ANY DIFFICULTIES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU'RE SMILING BROADLY SIR. DOES THAT MEAN YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS TRIP ARE ALL POSITIVE?

A. NO, WITH RESPECT TO THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION DISCUSSIONS, SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES WERE RESOLVED AND WILL NOW BE PASSED ON TO GENEVA FOR TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION. PROGRESS WAS MADE ON OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES AND THE SOVIET SIDE INTRODUCED SOME SIGNIFICANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE NEW IDEAS YESTERDAY WHICH I'M NOW TAKING BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR STUDY AND WE WILL REPLY IN A FEW WEEKS AND THEN CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS. END REMARKS
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